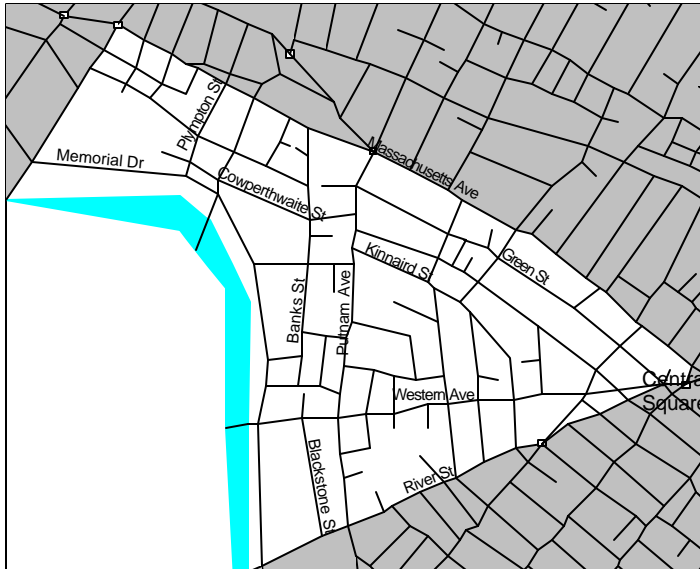
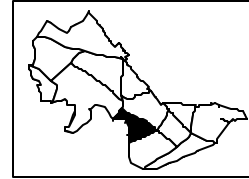


# NEIGHBORHOOD 7

## RIVERSIDE



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, River Street, the Charles River, and JFK Street

**POPULATION:** 10,432 residents  
3,341 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$27,415

Neighborhood #7 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 3 (2 officer cars) and Cars 6R and 10R (1 officer cars). Also included within its boundaries are walking routes 7A and 7B.

### 2001 FIRST QUARTER REVIEW

**Malicious destruction** was predominant among Riverside target crimes in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. March accrued 11 out of the 21 crimes, most of which appeared to be isolated acts of revenge, mischief, or unfounded aggression. Over 87% occurred on Sat-Sun nights, and were attributed to road rage, weekend revelry, or attempted theft. • Autos clearly incurred the most damage and property loss in Riverside this year, with at least 33 auto thefts, break-ins, & reports of slashed tires, smashed windows, or keyed exteriors. The **auto theft** hotspot was located between Mass Ave/Mt. Auburn St., and Bay, Banks, & Flagg Sts. Target times were 5-6 pm & 10 pm-1 am. Mid-Quarter was most active, with 2 Honda Civics and a pair of red Integras reported missing. • A series of 3 housebreaks took place around 4 pm on 3/21, as doors and deadbolts to apartments on Franklin St. and Putnam Ave. were pried open. Prior to each break, the suspect reportedly knocked on doors and asked for a certain person. Other breaks clustered around Banks St. & Western Ave, between 2 & 5 pm. • The one LSD arrest of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter transpired on JFK St., when a known supplier admitted possession of the drug, when confronted by SIU detectives.

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS FIRST QUARTER 2000 & 2001

CRIME	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2000	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2001	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	9	11	+22%
Street Robbery	2	4	+100%
Auto Theft	8	12	+50%
Larceny from MVs	5	11	+120%
Malicious Destruction	17	21	+24%

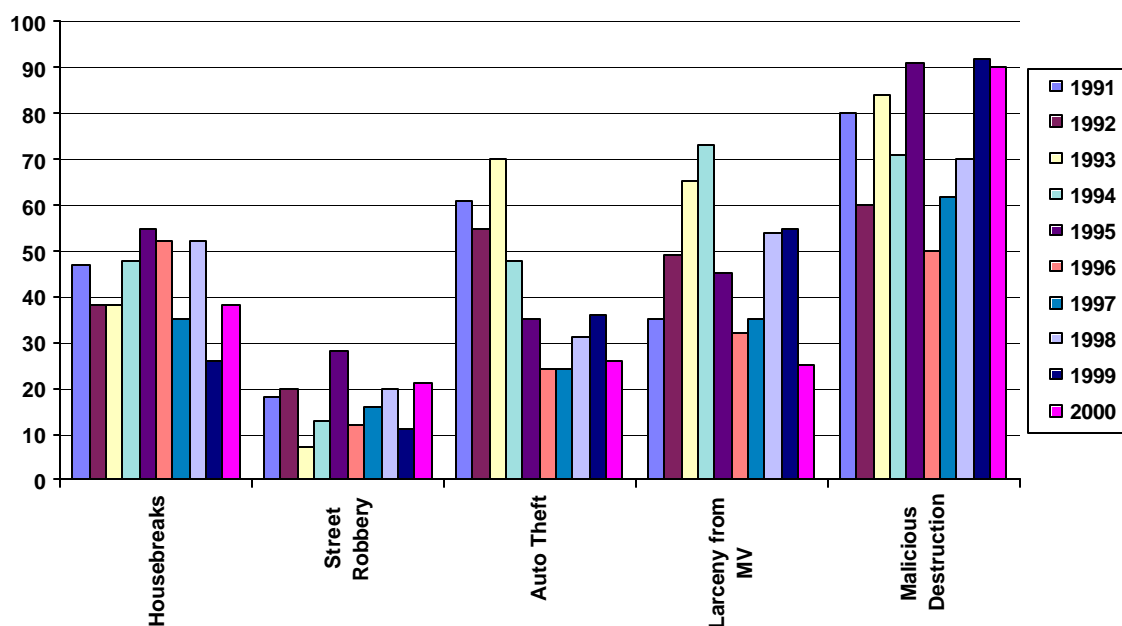
Drug Arrests	0	1	<i>Inc.</i>
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## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Riverside has the fourth highest population in the city, but it ranks well below the average for almost all index crimes. Along with its 10 thousand residents, Riverside has two housing developments (Putnam Gardens and the River-Howard homes), two major parks (Hoyt Field and Riverside Press Park), and many commercial establishments along Massachusetts Avenue, River Street, and Western Avenue. Several Harvard University dormitories and other properties occupy the northwestern quarter. Riverside's borders also encompass the United States Post Office and the Cambridge Police Department headquarters.

*Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the northwestern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on university property.*

- **Malicious destruction** is the only crime that has not shown a significant average decline in Riverside since the 1980s, though it is low compared to the rest of the city. Most of this vandalism occurs to motor vehicles. Occasional patterns of this crime over long holiday weekends have been a problem in the past.
- **Street robberies** are on the low side for a neighborhood of Riverside's population, although it has increased since last year. Most of these incidents are on Broadway, although they are spread about the neighborhood. Riverside has an exceptionally low **housebreak** rate for its size; but this too has had a substantial increase from last year's statistics.
- There were 20 arrests for **drugs** this quarter compared to this time last year, which had 27 arrests.
- **Auto theft** and **larceny from motor vehicles** have both declined when compared to this time frame last year.



### ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR RIVERSIDE AREA TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2000*
Housebreaks	83	7	43	6	4
Street Robbery	34	4	17	6	3
Auto Theft	92	9	41	9	9
Larceny from MVs	87	7	48	9	10
Malicious Destruction	78	9	74	8	6

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest